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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the clams as follows:

Claims 1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for the prevention of defective ageing of

white wines, wherein, during the preparation of said wine, yeast previously enriched in

glutathione is introduced into the must $\underline{\text{in the form of a inactive dry yeast or in the form}}$

 $\underline{\text{of active dry yeast.}}$ at the beginning of, during or after the alcoholic fermentation step.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said

glutathione-enriched yeast contains more than 0.5% of glutathione by weight relative to

the weight of solids of the yeast.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said

glutathione-enriched yeast contains at least 1% of glutathione by weight relative to the

weight of solids of the yeast.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said

glutathione-enriched yeast is introduced into the must in a proportion of 0.1 g to 1 g of

solids per liter of must.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the

introduction of said glutathione-enriched yeast into the must $\underline{\text{provides produces a}}$

provision of at least 3 mg of glutathione per liter of must.

Claim 18. (Canceled)

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- 19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said glutathione-enriched yeast consists at least in part of the yeast inoculated into the must in order to carry out the alcoholic fermentation.
- 20. (Currently Amended) A white wine produced by the method of claim 13A fruit juice undergoing fermentation or after fermentation, wherein it comprises an amount of glutathione-enriched yeast which provides at least 3 mg of glutathione per litter of juice.
- 21. (Currently Amended) A white wine produced by the method of claim 14The fruit juice as claimed in claim 20, wherein_it comprises yeasts enriched in glutathione at more than 0.5% by weight of glutathione relative to the weight of solids of the yeast.
- 22. (Currently Amended) <u>A white wine produced by the method of claim 15</u>The fruit juice according to claim 20, wherein the yeasts enriched in glutathione contain at least 1% by weight of glutathione relative to the weight of solids of the yeast.
- (Previously Presented) A wine prepared by means of a method as claimed in claim 16.

Claim 24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method for the prevention of defective ageing of white wines, wherein, during the preparation of said wine, yeast previously enriched in glutathione is introduced into the must in a single yeast inoculation before alcoholic fermentation. Method for preventing the defective aging of wine by means of a provision of glutathione, wherein the glutathione is protected during alcoholic fermentation by its presence in yeast cells, said cells having been enriched in glutathione or naturally rich.

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26. (Currently Amended) The method Method according to claim 25, wherein said glutathione-enriched yeast contains more than 0.5% of glutathione by weight relative to the weight of solids of the yeast wherein said glutathione is released into the wine subsequent to fermentation.

- 27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 25, wherein said glutathione-enriched yeast contains at least 1% of glutathione by weight relative to the weight of solids of the yeast A method for preventing the defective aging of white wine, comprising fermentation yeasts enriched in glutathione.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the yeast contains at least 1.5% of glutathione by weight relative to the weight of solids of the yeast.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the glutathioneenriched yeast is introduced into the must in a proportion of 0.3 g/l to 0.7 g/l of must.
- 30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the glutathioneenriched yeast is introduced into the must in a proportion of 0.5 g/l of must.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the introduction of said glutathione-enriched yeast into the must produces a provision of at least 5 mg of glutathione per liter of must.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the introduction of said glutathione-enriched yeast into the must produces a provision of approximately 9 mg of glutathione per liter of must.

Claims 33-36. (Canceled)